

Characteristics For Attaining Victory Over The Enemies

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For almost half a century now, the Muslim ummah has been afflicted by successive defeats. And a majority of these defeats occur as a result of their being neglectful about what causes these losses and afflictions. Allaah says:

"Say: It is from your own selves."

And He says:

"And whatever calamity befalls you then it is due to what your own hands have earned. But yet he pardons many." [Surah Ash-Shuraa: 30]

If our ummah – both rulers and subjects – were to reflect and ponder upon the Book of Allaah, and they were to act according to its Laws and its Rule, they would surely implement the means for gaining victory over their enemies. And they would come to know the Sunnah (i.e. way) of Allaah with respect to His creation – which will never change, vary or transform – throughout the passage of time.

The factors for gaining victory over the enemy, as mentioned in the Qur'aan, are many. Among them are:

1. Tawheed, Eemaan (Faith) and righteous deeds:

Allaah says:

"Allaah has promised those who believe and do righteous deeds amongst you that He will certainly grant them succession (i.e. ascendancy) in the land, as he granted it to those before them. And that he will grant them the authority to practice their Religion, which He has chosen for them. And He will surely give them in exchange for their state of fear a sense of security, (provided) that they worship Me and not mix anything in worship with Me." [Surah An-Noor: 66]

2. Whoever aids the Religion of Allaah, Allaah will aid him:

Aiding the Religion of Allaah can only be by establishing His Legislation and following the guidance of His Prophet, so that the true servitude of Allaah can be put to reality and so that the acts of the Sunnah can be revived while the acts of Bid'ah (innovation) can be caused to die. It is also by showing love and support to the people of the Sunnah and Jamaa'ah while showing enmity to the people of Desires and Innovations. It is by commanding the good and forbidding the evil, and fighting against the enemies of Allaah wherever they may be.

Aiding Allaah's Religion is done by us obeying Allaah and His Messenger, by following the commands of Allaah and His Messenger and by avoiding what Allaah and His Messenger have forbidden. Allaah says:

"And Allaah will surely aid he who aids Him. Verily, Allaah is All-Powerful, All-Mighty." [Surah Al-Hajj: 40]

So whoever abides by the above matters, will never be overcome by his enemies, as Allaah says:

"If Allaah aids you, none can overcome (i.e. defeat) you. And if he forsakes you, who is there after Him that can help you?"

[Surah Aali 'Imraan: 160]

3. Patience and Taqwaa are Causes for Attaining Victory and Assistance from Allaah:

Allaah has promised those who have patience and Taqwaa that He will grant them victory, establishment, success and a repelling of the plots of their enemies. Allaah says:

"Yes, if you hold onto patience and Taqwaa and the enemy comes rushing at you, your Lord will help you with five thousand angels having marks (of distinction). Allaah made it not but as a message of good news for you and an assurance to your hearts." [Surah Aali 'Imraan: 125]

And He says:

"And if you have patience and fear Allaah (have Taqwaa), their plot against you will not harm you in the least. Verily Allaah encompasses all that they do." [Surah Aali 'Imraan: 76]

The Prophet (sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said:

"And know that with distress comes relief and with patience comes victory, and with every hardship there is ease."

4. Every oppressed person is promised Allaah's assistance, so how much so if he is a believer and dutiful to His Lord?

This is because oppression is darkness and Allaah has forbidden oppression from Himself and He has made it forbidden between His creatures. And He commanded that the oppressed person be assisted, stating that this person's du'aa (supplication) is answered – there being no barrier between him and Allaah. Allaah says:

"Permission to fight (against the disbelievers) is given to those (believers) who are fought against because they have been wronged. Surely Allaah is Able to give them victory." [Surah Al-Hajj: 39]

And Allaah says:

"That is so. And whoever has retaliated with the like of that which he was made to suffer, and then has again been wronged, Allaah will surely help him." [Surah Al-Hajj: 60]

The Prophet (sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said:

"Verily Allaah will get revenge for the non-horned goat from the horned goat." ¹

¹ This is from the perfection of His justice. So how much so for a defenceless people that has been cast out of their land and who have been prevented from carrying weapons with which to fight off its enemies, and who have been left scattered throughout the land??

5. Those who follow the True Religion are promised Allaah's Support:

Allaah says:

"He is the One who sent His Messenger with the Guidance and the Religion of Truth so that it can become manifest over all other religions – even though the polytheists may hate it." [Surah As-Saff: 9]

The Prophet (sallAllaahu `alayhi wa sallam) said:

"This affair (of Islaam) will reach (as far and beyond) as what the night and the day reaches (i.e. whole world). And Allaah will not leave a house made of brick or fur, except that Allaah will cause this Religion to enter into it – either bringing honor to it or humiliating it; Honor that Allaah gives to Islaam and humiliation that Allaah gives to disbelief."

So this is a promise coming from the Book of Allaah and from the tongue of the Messenger of Allaah. And the promise of Allaah is never broken for Allaah does not break His promises.

6. Differing and being divided is a cause for Failure and Defeat:

The ummah was never undermined except that it was due to the fact that they were in difference with one another and they were divided. If only they were to unite upon the statement of Tawheed, and follow it purely, and if they were to hold onto the Rope of Allaah and make Jihaad against their enemies to raise the Word of Allaah, establish the Tawheed of Allaah and put an end to the Shirk (polytheism), Allaah would surely help them. Allaah says:

"And do not differ with one another lest you lose courage and your strength departs. And be patient, surely, Allaah is with those who are patient." [Surah Al-Anfaal: 46]

7. Preparing for the Battle (against the Enemies) – materially and mentally:

This is because pursuing the proper means for attaining something is from the prophetic Sunnah, which all the Prophets prescribed in spite of their having strong trust and reliance in Allaah. The Prophet (sallAllaahu `alayhi wa sallam) appeared in one of his battles with two coats of armor, and he would wear a battle helmet. And his Companions would wear coats of armor. This did not negate having tawakkul (reliance) in Allaah. Allaah says:

"And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war (i.e. weapons) to threaten the enemy of Allaah and your enemy." [Surah Al-Anfaal: 60]

And the Prophet (sallAllaahu `alayhi wa sallam) explained the ayah by saying:

"Indeed the power lies in archery, indeed the power lies in archery."

We ask Allaah that He grant us the ability to pursue the proper means for gaining victory over the Jews and over the rest of the enemies of Islaam. On that day the believers will rejoice at the victory of Allaah and this is not something difficult for Allaah to make happen.